

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

27 OCT 1961

~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Berlin

US authorities in Berlin confirmed by telephone last night that a Soviet force, including at least 13 tanks and 5 armored personnel carriers, has moved into East Berlin and assembled just off Friederichstrasse about six blocks from the checkpoint. Earlier the Soviet Commandant stated in a letter to the US Commandant that "the sending of armed patrols into East Berlin will be considered an act of provocative armed penetration into the territory of the GDR" and warned that "such acts involving application of force will be stopped by countermeasures from our side." In another letter, he warned that further US helicopter flights over East Berlin would be met with "necessary measures." So far this morning no further moves by either side have been reported.

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LATE NOTE

There may have been another nuclear test, at Novaya Zemlya this morning.

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## 2. Soviet Party Congress

A. The new attacks on Molotov yesterday led by Pavel Satyukov, one of Khrushchev's inner circle of assistants, was a clear attempt to link the anti-party group with the Chinese and Albanians, as well as to establish that the group is unrepentant and deserves further punishment.

B. If Molotov did in fact attack Khrushchev's program as "revisionist" and appeal to foreign parties for support, as he has now been charged, it would appear that he believes there is substantial anti-Khrushchev sentiment at the Congress. We have seen no evidence of such, but since Khrushchev controls the rostrum and the press we would not expect to see anything but the present adulation. Nevertheless, we continue to suspect that the Congress is not following its original scenario.

C. In contrast to Chou En-lai's plea to the Party Congress last week not to fight over Albania in public, Peiping is now publishing full details of Khrushchev's charges and the Albanian reply, and has again endorsed Premier Hoxha. Its leadership is probably readying an answer to Khrushchev.

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### LATE NOTE

It has just been announced that scheduled Congress proceedings for today are cancelled, that "debate on Khrushchev's report and program has been "discontinued" and that he will make a "winding-up speech" this afternoon. Kozlov's report on changes in Party rules is presumably to come, but may also be foreshortened, with the election of the new central committee and presidium following almost immediately.

3. Soviets attack Boun Oum

Pushkin has asked Ambassador Harriman that the US "use its influence" to see that Souvanna has a free hand to choose the eight neutralist members of his cabinet without interference by Boun Oum. Negotiations on cabinet make-up are presently stalled by inability of the three princes to agree on a meeting site, but the Soviets evidently believe that Phoumi has persuaded Boun Oum to sabotage the talks. Harriman also is suspicious of Phoumi's good faith. Phoumi in a press interview Wednesday said the only alternatives facing Laos were going Communist under Souvanna or fighting under Phoumi.

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4. Growing public uneasiness in Saigon

Ambassador Nolting attributes it to recent dramatic Viet Cong attacks, Diem's declaration of a national emergency, cancellation of National Day celebrations yesterday, and the murder of Colonel Nam. He also notes increasing dissatisfaction with Diem in top government and military circles.

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5. Dominican situation improves

Democratic opposition leaders, recognizing that Ramfis Trujillo could help to control the restive military, may withdraw their stipulation that he must step down as head of the armed forces before they enter a coalition government.

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6. **Resurgence of Gizenga in the Congo**
- The serious setback suffered by Adoula when the UN's Katanga operation collapsed has opened the way for Gizenga to re-establish himself in Stanleyville, while his supporters in Leopoldville are attempting to undercut Adoula. [REDACTED] 50X1
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- [REDACTED] Gizenga is preparing for a military incursion into northern Katanga, which if successful would further increase Gizenga's status vis-a-vis Adoula. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 50X1
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7. **Bolivian situation precarious**
- While sporadic violence continues, the government believes it has postponed a threatened general strike until Sunday and hopes to get financial help from the US in granting promised wage concessions to factory workers. It is also faced with paying off by the end of the month on promised wage boosts to teachers and other government workers, and the exhaustion of its financial resources is approaching. [REDACTED] 50X1
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8. **Plot against Qasim still alive**
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NOTES

- A. West German Defense Minister Strauss told Ambassador Dowling he had secretly met with a group of French politicians last Monday. He gave no details on what happened, but said that if anything should happen to De Gaulle, the Germans would favor a government under Pinay, as the only alternative, he said, would be a popular front. [REDACTED] 50X1  
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- B. The Indonesian Air Force has recommended reduction of Pope's sentence.
- C. The OAS demonstrations in Algeria rumored for this morning have not materialized.

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